(f) the funds allocation made for the purpose of Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN- SOZ): (a) Central Government has not taken up any scheme related to water conservation in view of failure of monsoon in the country.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The State Governments take up schemes for Extension, Renovation and Modernization (ERM) of irrigation projects. The ERM schemes are also provided support under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) in accordance with the approved guidelines. Central Government has, however, taken up a scheme on "National Project for Repair, Renovation and Restoration of Water Bodies directly linked to Agriculture" on pilot basis at an estimated cost of Rs. 300 crores to be implemented during the remainining period of Tenth Fiver Year Plan.

(e) The scheme is being implemented in 13 States, namely Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Madhya pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, J & K and Kerala.

(f) Under the scheme on "National Project for Repair, Renovation and Restoration of Water Bodies directly linked to Agriculture" the Government of India has released Rs. 2.44 crore & Rs. 7.86 crore during 2004-05 & 2005-06 respectively to Andhra Pradesh.

12.00 NOON

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Statement regarding rejection of the Award given by the Board of Arbitration

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): Sir, I lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Statement regarding rejection of the Award given by the Board of ARbitration (BoA) under CA. Reference No. 2 of 2002 in terms of compulsory arbitration under the scheme of Joint Consultative Machinery (JCM) for the Central Government Employees. [Placed in Library. See No. LT. 3954/06]

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